IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A.   Please replace the first paragraph of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/426,830 entitled "Methods for Decoding Corrupt JPEG2000 Codestreams" filed on November 15, 2002, and to International Application No. PCT/US03/36213, filed on November 15, 2003, the entire contents of which are incorporated by reference.

B.   Please insert the following new paragraph before the Background of the Invention and after the Cross-Reference to Related Applications:

U.S. GOVERNMENT RIGHTS

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